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OFFICE OF
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28 December 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR JOINT U. S. CHIEFS OF STAFF

ATTENTION OF: Colonel C. J. Gridley, GSC,
Secretary, Joint U. S. Chiefs of Staff

1. Shortly after Pearl Harbor, the Office of Strategic Services retained the services of an English woman, Mrs. L. Newton Sharp, who has been given the pseudonym, in discussions on the matter covered by this memorandum, of "Miss Black". She was retained for duty in Portugal for this office but circumstances required that she spend considerable time in Washington prior to her departure.

2. During the period of Miss Black's service in Washington, she met socially General B. (General Juan Louis Beigbeder y Atienza), a Spanish general, who immediately and ardently began to cultivate Miss Black socially. Miss Black reported to Mr. James Murphy, her immediate superior in OSS, that a friendship with General B. could be developed if it was deemed advisable. In view of the interest of OSS in Iberian Peninsula matters and an additional expression of interest by G-2, Mr. Murphy approved Miss Black's friendship with General B. and the securing by her, as a result of such friendship, of such information as might be of value to OSS in its operations.

3. Information obtained by Miss Black from General B. in this manner was regularly made available to Colonel Redrige of G-2.

4. The FBI was kept informed of the fact that we were using Miss Black for such a purpose. The circumstances under which information concerning her activities was given to both G-2 and the FBI are contained in the following paraphrase of a cable, dated 22 November 1943, received by OSS from Mr. James R. Murphy:

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8. Since it has now developed that it will be impossible for Miss Black to carry out the original undertaking to Portugal which had been planned for her, her services with OSS have been terminated as of 1 December 1943. She sailed for Lisbon on the SS Jaca Helle on 2 December 1943 from Philadelphia, with instructions to arrange for her air transportation from Lisbon to London as soon as possible. She was instructed that she was not, under any circumstances, to make any contacts on be-

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half of OSS enroute to London and that she was to report
to Mr. Murphy in London for a final explanatory conversa-
tion.

Charles S. Cheston
Acting Assistant Director

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Date 9 December

To: CAPTAIN LEE

Mr. Weston would like the material contained in this memo to be put in the form of a memo for the Secretary, Joint Chiefs of Staff, with an accompanying letter of transmittal which can be purely formal.

This is pursuant to oral arrangements with Col. Gridley and Captain Loftin.

*Mr. Donoghue will
refer to Mr. Gridley*
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INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: Dec. 8, 1943

TO: Mr. Charles Cheston
FROM: Major John J. McDonough *JJM*
SUBJECT: The General B. incident (Miss Black)

I. Miss Black's interview with FBI - Background

Some days after Mr. Murphy's departure on October 28th, for London, Miss Black telephoned to say that a Mr. Mebley had asked her to call at the FBI for an interview. She complied with his request, and later reported to the writer that during the course of their conversation the principal subject was the matter of her exit permit for her trip to London via Lisbon. Reference, however, was made by Mr. Mebley to Mr. J. R. Murphy, and instead of stating frankly that she was employed by OSS, Miss Black answered his questions vaguely. No particular reaction on the part of Mr. Mebley was noted by Miss Black, however, and their conversation came to a polite conclusion.

In the meantime, the writer had discussed Miss Black's impending FBI visit with Mr. Bert Will, one of our X-2 men. Mr. Will actually departed for London the day before that visit took place, and on his arrival he reported our conversation to Mr. Murphy.

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The latter promptly recommended that we terminate our relations with Miss Black and cancel plans which had been drawn for her assignment in the Iberian Peninsula. Before relieving Miss Black of her duties, however, I talked to Col. Rodrigo of G-2, who said that it would be very much worthwhile to have Miss Black continue her original assignment, provided it was clear that the FBI's interest in her did not prejudice her chances of success. It was decided, therefore, not to make a final decision regarding Miss Black until she had received her Portuguese visa.

II. Captain Loftin's call to Col. Buxton:

On Thursday, November 13th, Captain Loftin telephoned Col. Buxton and advised him that the FBI was going to lodge a formal complaint with the JCS that OSS had been in contact with General B. Col. Buxton telephoned the writer, who explained that the X-2 Branch had an indirect contact with General B. through one of our representatives. It was pointed out to Col. Buxton that our Miss Black had met General B. at a party soon after his arrival in this country and he immediately developed a romantic interest in her. He continued to court her ardently and was, at the time of Col. Buxton's call, still in contact with her.

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The writer pointed out to Col. Buxton that, through Mr. Murphy, Miss Black had frequently reported pertinent information of interest regarding General B. to Col. Rodrigo of G-2. It was further stated that the writer understood that Mr. Murphy had spoken to General Strong about Miss Black's activities, and further that her connection with OSS had been cleared not long ago with the FBI.

It was further explained to Col. Buxton that Miss Black was employed with the thought in mind of sending her on an assignment to the Iberian Peninsula. The original plan was to have her leave the United States for Lisbon early in the autumn. Unfortunately her application for a Portuguese visa was slow in forthcoming and was eventually granted to her on November 26th.

III. Visit of Col. Goodfellow and the writer with
Captain Loftin:

After the above facts had been reported to Col. Buxton, the writer met with Col. Goodfellow and Col. Buxton in the latter's office, and it was suggested that a visit be made to Captain Loftin. This visit was arranged, and the exact nature of our interest in Miss Black and General B. was explained to Captain Loftin.

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IV. Cables to J. R. Murphy:

In view of the conflicting statements involved in the case, it was agreed that a cable be sent to Mr. Murphy asking for a detailed statement from him as to the nature of his contacts with G-2 and FBI regarding Miss Black. Accordingly, on November 19th, the following message was sent to Mr. Murphy in London (a paraphrase of SAINT cable #8061):

"We understand that the FBI has complained to the JCS that OSS has been in touch with General B. Explanation of the facts about Black's contacts with Gen. B. was made to Captain Loftin. We understand that you made Black's activities clear to the FBI and Gen. Strong who both now deny it. Please cable all details of your meeting with FBI and Gen. Strong as they concern the contacts of Black with Gen. B. Until this situation is straightened out we will delay deciding the matter of terminating our relationship with Black."

On November 22nd, Mr. Murphy sent the following cable in answer to the above inquiry (paraphrase of SAINT cable #8351):

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✓ "A short time before the arrival of Gen. B., Black was prepared to leave on a foreign assignment. Almost immediately upon his arrival, Gen. B. met Black and the relationship appeared to be so favorable that Black inquired as to whether or not the contact should be continued. When I discovered that G-2 had some interest in Gen. B., I discussed the matter with Col. Rodrigo. He requested that Black maintain contact so that certain data in which OSS and G-2 had mutual interest could be developed. A short time later when Black made application for an exit visa to go to Canada FBI checked on Black's occupation with G-2. Gen. Kroner discussed the subject with me and stated that he would handle the situation with the FBI. Black was granted an exit visa. Later Black returned to prepare for a special foreign assignment which also involved the Gen. B. picture. I conferred on the whole subject at length with Williams and Roach of FBI approximately the first week in October. This conversation confirmed by PRIEST who was present. I recommended to Roach the possibility of OSS and FBI using Black jointly for work in Washington in the event that Black's foreign assignment

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V. Visit of Mr. Cheston and the writer with Captain Loftin:

On the day following the arrival of cable #8351, Mr. Cheston and the writer again went to see Captain Loftin and showed him the above cable. He decided to do nothing further about reporting the facts to the JCS until Col. Gridley's arrival in the United States.

Later, when Col. Gridley reached Washington, the writer discussed the Black incident with Mr. Cheston and Col. Gridley. Col. Gridley then requested this report giving the facts of the case.

In the meantime, the writer, after consultation with Mr. Cheston and Col. Rodrigo, arranged to terminate Miss Black's

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services with OSS and this was done on Wednesday, Dec. 1. Under written orders she was given clearly to understand that she was to proceed to her home in London via Lisbon, and she was not, under any circumstances, to make any contacts on behalf of OSS enroute to London. She sailed for Lisbon on the SS JOAO BELLO on December 2nd from Philadelphia. She was instructed to arrange her air passage from there to London as soon as possible. A priority was granted her by the British prior to her departure from the USA. She was told to report to Mr. Murphy in London for a final conversation.

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8 December 1943

Captain Charles G. Bakcsy
913 - 20th Street
Santa Monica, California

Dear Captain Bakcsy:

I should like to acknowledge on behalf of General Demovan, who is presently absent from the country, your letter of 2 December 1943, requesting the General's endorsement of your application for a position with the United States Maritime Service.

In view of the General's absence, and since we no longer have with us Mr. James B. Opeata whom you also mention in your letter, I think the best thing under the circumstances would be for us to hold your letter and show it to the General upon his return. This we will be glad to do.

Very truly yours,

FOR THE DIRECTOR:

Charles S. Cheston
Acting Assistant Director

BANK:BLACK

Santa Monica Calif.
December 2 , 1943.

Colonel William J. Donovan
Washington D.C.

Dear Colonel Donovan:

Mr. James B. Opsata had written to me , over a year ago, informing me, that there was no opening for me with the Coordinator of Information Department. Since then, I was engaged in salvaging sunken ships. However , I am not so good now, in going down beyond the hundred feet mark, as sometime it is required. Therefor I am again reaching out for an other atmosphere, in which I am better fitted and my experience in that line would be of greater value . For this reason I am taking the liberty of writing again soliciting your help in obtaining it.

The U.S. Maritime Service has many training schools in Southern California, having thousands of young men enrolled in the Merchant Marine . There is no "Shore Police" supervision over them, as there is in the Navy.

I had several conversations with Lt. Stuart L. Patton, 12th Regional Enrolling Officer, on this matter, who after inspecting my credentials as a sea-captain (sailing ships) and as an investigator, declared that I am especially suited for the position organizing and directing the already proposed Merchant Marine Shore Police , in collaboration with other law enforcement agencies.

He has written to Commander H.H. Dreany, Assistant Commandant U.S. M. S. Training Organization W.S.A. National Theatre Bldg. , Washington , 25, D.C., recommending my appointment. He also suggested, that if I knew someone in Washington , who would put in a good word for me , to write immediately. Therefor I am writing this to you , hoping that you will find time calling the above Commandant , recommending my appointment. I am especially fitted for the position as I am a seafaring man, having spent over 25 years before and abaft the mast on large sailing ships in all parts of the world. I am well versed with the shore life of sailors and the various pit-falls prepared for them . I know the Pacific coast harbors and the officials thereof, intimately. Relative my experience as an investigator and director of police organization , I need not tell you, as you will remember the "Bureau of Railway Intelligence" , the highly efficient organization I have created for the R.R. Corporations. Relative integrity, you will also remember the Arthur, N. Sager episode. In recommending me to that position, that is to be placed in charge of a shore Police organization, and the creation of such force , I am sure that the confidence you may place in me will not be misplaced.

Thanking you and sending you my very best wishes ,
I am sincerely ever at your service

Capt Chas. G. Bakcsy

Capt. Chas. G. Bakcsy
913 20th St. Santa Monica Calif.

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7 December 1943

Mrs. Nellie Barbara Batty
9304 Cedar Avenue
Long Beach, California

Dear Mrs. Batty:

In General Donovan's absence, I should like to acknowledge your letter concerning the Douglas Aircraft plant at Long Beach, California. I shall show your letter to General Donovan upon his return.

Very truly yours,

O. C. Downing, Jr.
Lieut. Colonel, AUS
Executive Officer

NAME: BLACK

General William J. Donovan
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill Donovan,

I want you to know of the situation in these parts - proof of which (too long to give here) I have first hand after 9 months employ in Douglas Aircraft Co, Long Beach, Calif. One learns these facts from inside only - I had my eyes opened in receiving inspection.

(1) The U.S. Employment Office, Long Beach and the War manpower Commission are under Nazi control.

(2) The Douglas Plant itself is operated by 5th columnists in all the key positions. The Plant Manager Huggins admitted same to me, saying: "Are so many we do not know what to do with them", when I confronted him with the sabotage that goes on. It is the most perfectly camouflaged set up imaginable.

(3) Plant Protection Officers are all "in" on it.

(4) Head of Army's Detectives Fred Onthank is a Nazi-Prussian type.

(5) The Army's Auditing Dept is a huge office of International crooks.

(6) The special Auditing Dept - here by Congressional Order to check the checkers are Nazis - headed by a stooge by name Lawrence Sawyer - I challenged him on situation - he became so nervous he had an attack of nervous hiccoughs.

(7) Inspection, both Army and Plant, is largely in hands of axis - that is why so many plane-accidents in this country

These investigations carry me afield and I have further discovered that:

(a) The Intelligence Office of Sixth Ferrying Command Group Long Beach is axis controlled.

(b) The Anti-Aircraft is spotted with disloyal members. The same as in France awaiting the hour to rise.

(c) The press, The L.B. Sun and Press - Telegram are owned and operated by Nazis and a regular propaganda campaign is carried on. not for this War II but for War III.

(d) They are in Post offices, Schools, Churches carrying on in a way to make John Carlson's "Under Cover" a primer.

(e) "California Legislative Joint Fact-Finding Committee on Un-American Activities" of Los Angeles is doing a very questionable work.

(f) Here is the blow: The F.B.I. in this area are doing nothing. I had the fact proven to me from many angles and so from J. Edgar Hoover down, they are not doing their job. Hiding under all the talk about Juveniles Welfare, etc.

I told the Los Angeles F.B.I. They would(?) soon be taking charge of Day Nurseries, solely.

The Plant Manager told me I could do nothing, saying "If you report it to Washington to the President or to the Comptroller General they will never see or hear about it.

If you wish more in detail, I can furnish it.

With best wishes,

930 1/2 Cedar Ave.
Long Beach, Calif.

Sincerely,

(Arthur continues in bonds
in Pittsburgh.)

S/ Nellie Barbara Batty

Lieut William J. Donovan
Washington - D.C.

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Stella Barbara Batley

Calif -

(Arthur continues in bonds)
in Pittsburgh

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12 December 1943

The Honorable Thomas J. O'Brien
The House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Brien:

You will recall having recommended to us, in your letter of November 4, 1943, the appointment of Mr. Stephen Barrett as an "investigator" with this office. We informed you, in our letter of November 19, 1943, that we would keep you informed of any action which we might take.

After a close study of the possibility of using in OSS a man of Mr. Barrett's experience and background, we concluded that there is at the present time no place in which we can use his services. This conclusion results primarily from the fact that our present requirements are confined very largely to military personnel, except for a very few civilians with highly specialized backgrounds.

We are, of course, retaining Mr. Barrett's application in our files in the event that at some future date there may be a spot in OSS for him.

We want to thank you for calling Mr. Barrett to our attention.

Sincerely yours,

G. Edward Barton
Acting Director

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Barrett 12/12/43

Lt. C. A. Bane, Secretariat

8 Dec 1943

Colonel E. F. Connely

Mr. Stephen R. Barrett

The Personnel Procurement Branch has notified Mr. Barrett that this service can not use his services at the present time and file on subject has been sent to Mr. Krider for file in the event at some future date there may be a spot in OSS for him.

You may want to inform Representative Thomas J. O'Brien of the action taken in this matter.

E.F.C.

Barrett 13,499
x C. Brien

4 December 1943

COLONEL CONNELLY

After an investigation of Mr. Barrett, whose SA-1 forms are evidently on the way, could your office advise us of any decision made, or, if you wish, prepare a reply for Colonel Buxton's signature, advising Congressman Brien of our decision.

C. A. Bane
Lt. (jg) USNR

Entire file ref to Connelly

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General William J. Donovan

DATE: October 12, 1943

FROM: F. L. Belin

SUBJECT: *7103*

Two messages have been received from Bern, one of which seems to us to be of such importance that you may wish personally to handle its distribution. Copies of these messages are attached.

The source in Bern from which our representative obtained the information is a German who has a special connection in the Foreign Office in Berlin. Through the German in Bern, copies of telegrams and reports between the Foreign Office and various German diplomatic missions abroad have been secured. The bonafides of the German have been under investigation both in Switzerland and London since early August. In a recent cable from London, the following statement was made:

"The investigation has been finished by the appropriate British authorities as well as by our own organization. Both the material and the source stood the test and are thought to be of great value. We will send you a fuller report by pouch."

(This fuller report has not yet reached Washington.)

While the written report will doubtless make more details available, nevertheless it seems to us that the conclusion set forth in the cable above quoted is of such a favorable nature that the reports may be regarded as having a high degree of reliability.

F.L.B.

Attachments

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BOMBINGS WHICH OCCURRED ON THE 2 and 3 of OCTOBER

1. At Kassel: Damage was done to Panzer locomotives and howitzers at the Heintzel Werke. Anti-aircraft fire was heavy. No hits were made on the Junkers Werke. Production of aircraft was interrupted at the Fieseler Werke. Fires were started and damage was done to Hanau, Kunstmehlvoigt, Salzmann, Opel and Spinnfabrik.

2. At Munich: Severe damage was suffered by the following: Allgemeine Transport Gesellschaft, Schlusser Motoren, Lager Hausfischer, IG Camera Works, Dynamite Fuse Department, Rhodenstock, Roenkl Glove Factory, Steinheil Werke, Metzeler Gummi Werke, Merck, Hauptbahnhof, Kautermann Eisenwaren, and the stockyards and slaughterhouse.

3. At Baden: 20 bombs struck the Nordsee Werfte. 1 submarine was badly damaged, and the construction offices and the submarine training barracks were destroyed. There was a loss in production of 60% at the Staats Werfte, and a loss of 90% at Schult und Bruns Werfte. Heavy damage was suffered by both the Sauerstoff Werke and the Norddeutsch Pass Fabrik. Traffic was interrupted for 10 days when a lock of the Jade Kanal received 3 direct hits. Water and power lines were out.

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A fortnight ago Von Ribbentrop sent Von Papen a strong message informing him that under the circumstances there is no chance of realizing his efforts toward persuading the Italians to hand the Dodecanese Islands over to Turkey voluntarily. He was instructed not to pursue this project any further. In addition Von Ribbentrop dispatched a secret message to Von Papen a few days later. This latter message was evidently an answer to an inquiry from Von Papen and was to the effect that the reported negotiations between the Russians and the Nazis are completely false, and that this is obviously a British propaganda move designed to influence Turkey to agree to English wishes.

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8 September 1943

Captain Frank Loftin, U.S.N.
The Joint Chiefs of Staff
Public Health Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Captain Loftin:

Just before his departure General
Donovan asked me to acknowledge for him the
receipt of your letter of 4 September 1943 con-
cerning Macoul Banet-Rivet.

We are certainly grateful to you for
calling this officer to our attention and branches
of the organization which might be interested in
a man of his talents and experience are being
asked to consider him for any vacancies which
they may have. We will, of course, keep you in-
formed of any developments.

Thanking you again, I am

Sincerely yours,

O. C. Doering, Jr.
Major, AUS
Chief, Secretariat

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THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

4 September, 1943

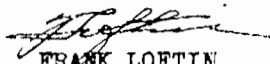
Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Director of Strategic Services
25th & E Streets, N.W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

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Very sincerely,


FRANK LOFTIN
Capt., U.S.N.

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1. *Enclosed this to Capt. Loftin*
2. *Have Mr. Everson if he would be interested.*

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IN REPLY REFER
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INSHORE PATROL
FIFTEENTH NAVAL DISTRICT 29 August 1943
BALBOA, CANAL ZONE

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From: Captain J. H. Iverson, U.S.N. (Ret.)
To: The Secretary of the Navy.
Via: The Commandant, Fifteenth Naval District.
Subject: Raoul Banet-Rivet,
Villa Monique,
Chemin des Aquedues,
Algiers.

1. In the belief that the growing situation in the African-European Theatres may call for dependable native assistants, and knowing one who fulfills all probable requirements, I herewith present a man of rare character and ability, Raoul Banet-Rivet.

2. There follows a digest of the high lights of his life: He is French, of French parents, and is fifty-five. He fought throughout the last war and was decorated by his government for extraordinary bravery under fire. After the war he was called upon to rectify a bad national coal situation, which he accomplished successfully. When the genius Raoul Dautry was appointed to revamp the State Railways he selected Banet-Rivet as his principal assistant. While putting the finishing touches to this, The French Line reached such a deplorable condition that immediate action to save it became imperative, and Dautry released him in 1931 to undertake the task. As the operating manager of The French Line, with a fleet of some seventy-two vessels and world-wide agencies, he reorganized the company, stressing "safety at sea", the raising of the low morale of officers and men, and the elimination of graft and inefficiency. Despite strong opposition from selfish sources he was progressing brilliantly in these reforms when war interfered. Early in 1940, in a last minute attempt to supply military needs, Dautry was appointed Ministre des Armements and again chose Banet-Rivet as his right hand man. Despite their combined desperate labors the time lost by others could not be regained. During the period from the armistice to our African attack he operated from Marseille and Algiers to render our side all the services within his power. For brevity and other reasons I refrain from recounting illuminating incidents of his career.

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Subject: Raoul Banet-Rivet,
Villa Monique,
Chemin des Aqueducs,
Algiers.

3. Banet-Rivet has solicited no brief from me, and the submission of this information is my own idea. As he is a true Frenchman, passionately devoted to the welfare of France, devoid of personal ambition or desire for gain, contemptuously aloof from party squabbles and selfish "politics", and has in his heart a deep affection for the United States which he regards as his second homeland, I am convinced he will and can help us in ways known to the State Department, Naval or Military Intelligence, or perhaps to Amgot. I wish to emphasize his integrity, intelligence, resourcefulness and versatile ability. Also, my knowledge of him is exact, based not only on an uninterrupted intimate friendship of forty-four years, but on my opportunities to observe and check in person. I may add that he is favorably known to the Honorable William Bullitt, the Honorable Frank Murphy and Commander A. C. J. Sahalot, formerly attache at Vichy.

J. H. EVERSON

Date 29 Oct. 1943To: Colonel Baker

Colonel Donovan would
 like to know who the
 persons with whom you
 spoke have no place for
 Colonel Baker.

EJP
 R. J. P., Jr.



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 with Section 2
 has sent Col. Baker
 to San Francisco
 to Secretary of War

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE:

TO: Brigadier General Donovan

FROM: Kenneth H. Baker *KHB*

SUBJECT:

1. The attached request requires your endorsement before forwarding to the Adjutant General.

2. This request represents a belated and reluctant acknowledgement on my part that there is no longer a place in OSS for me. That I am sincere in this belief is, I think, indicated by the mental punishment I have taken during nine consecutive weeks of almost unbearable idleness and inactivity.

Col. Buxton tells me that Col. Glavin has replied that he does not wish Col. Baker - as per attached cable. Col. Buxton further advises that he has personally asked Langer, Hinks and Scribner and Shephardson - who have no place for him. Col. Buxton wonders if Gen. Gullivan would wish to use him for his Military Gov't school - *OCW*

Baker Kenneth 12349
X Conf. Documentation

Washington, D.C.
28 October 1943

Subject: Request for transfer
Through: Brigadier General W.J. Donovan
Director, Office of Strategic Services
To: The Adjutant General, United States Army

1. It is requested that I be transferred from my present assignment with the Office of Strategic Services to another branch or organization of the Army or assigned to inactive status.
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 - b. Commissioned AUS, March 22, 1943
 - c. With the Office of Strategic Services since September, 1941.
 - d. Graduate, British Special Operations School, April 7, 1942.
 - e. Graduate, Command and General Staff School, August 28, 1943.
 - f. For eighteen months in charge of training in intelligence and special operations, Office of Strategic Services.
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KENNETH H. BAKER
Lt. Col., AUS.
O-923518

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[Signature]
KIMMICK H. BAKER
Lt. Col., AUS.
O-923418

Baker, Kenneth H - 12,349
 X-Fort Leavenworth

27 August 1943

Colonel Kenneth H. Baker,
 Command and General Staff School,
 Fort Leavenworth, Kansas.

Dear Ken:

I cannot imagine where you got the notion that you failed in your mission. We all appreciate the work you have done here and the terrific tasks you have had. We have had to go on however and have centralized the control of the administration of all the schools.

✓ Your training now in staff school has qualified you for work in the field. There is no loss of confidence on my part, and as I indicated in my letter I want you to consider certain possibilities we have in mind where you can get some active service.

I look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan

Baker Kenneth H -12,341
X Fort Leavenworth

Command and General Staff School
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

23 Aug. '43

Dear General Donovan:

As you can imagine, your announcement that I have failed in my mission came as a profound disappointment. The uselessness of a year and a half of work is not as disheartening as the loss of your confidence.

This course ends 28 August and I shall return immediately to Washington. May I see you sometime after your meeting Monday morning, 30 August?

Respectfully,

Kenneth H. Baker

COMMAND AND GENERAL STAFF SCHOOL
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS

23 Aug 43

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Samuel A. H. [Signature]

Baker, Col. Kenneth H. 12, 268
x Training
x Commanding Officer
x Headquarters, Hq. Det.

19 August 1943

Lieutenant Colonel Kenneth H. Baker
324-4 Denison Place
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas

Dear Colonel Baker:

Some weeks ago I designated a committee to make a review of our entire training program and make recommendations to me as to the policies to be followed in the light of recent developments both here and abroad. After a thorough review, the committee recommended, among other things, that the entire training program should be placed under the Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, who would be guided in questions of policy by a committee representing the various interested branches. This recommendation seemed to me sound, and I accordingly placed all training activities in the hands of the Commanding Officer, Headquarters & Headquarters Detachment, and have relieved you from this assignment.

At your convenience, either before or after you complete your present course, I would be glad to discuss with you possible assignments which you may find desirable and interesting, particularly in view of your current training and experience.

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

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Bell Robert C - 12, 243
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X War Dept
X Army Air Forces

2 September 1943

Mr. Robert C. Bell, Jr.
Cummings & Lockwood, Esqs.
1 Atlantic Street
Stamford, Conn.

Dear Mr. Bell:

Thank you for your letter of 19 August 1943. The possibilities of devices like the one suggested by you have not been overlooked, and every practical step has been taken to develop them and to implement their use in the field.

I was glad to have your letter since you are right to see that a feasible idea has not been allowed to fall into the discard.

Very truly yours,

William J. Donovan
Director

Date 26 August 1943To: General Donovan

This was attached letter to
Mr. [illegible] Bell, Jr. is sub-
mitted for your approval and signa-
ture.

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[illegible], Jr.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

Mr. E. J. Putzell, Jr.

DATE: 25 August 1943

FROM: Stanley P. Lovell

SUBJECT: Letter of Robert C. Bell, Jr., 19 August 1943

Subject matter of above letter and that of 9 September 1942 is not new matter, although it may well have been last September. There are two devices, one simple and one complex, completely developed for this purpose and, in addition, there are the usual techniques requiring only HE as a raw material. I offer the attached letter as a suggested response to Mr. Bell.


 Stanley P. Lovell
 Director
 Research and Development

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 Attachments

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To: Ens. Putzell

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23 August 1943

X War Dept. & Lord Howe

X Army Service Forces

Mr. Stanley Lovell

The attached letter from
Mr. Bell to General Donovan
dated August 17, 1943, with
enclosures, is forwarded to
you for your comments and
for the preparation of a
reply for the signature of
the Acting Director.

E.J.P., Jr.

E.J. Putzell: Birchard

Mrs. J. J. Donnell ✓

Bell, Robert C. 10,073

x # T.A. 83

x Land Mine

x Na. Dep't, Army Gen. Serv.

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FREDERICK MILES

CUMMINGS & LOCKWOOD
ATTORNEYS AT LAW
NUMBER ONE ATLANTIC STREET
STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

TELEPHONE 4-1133

HOMER CUMMINGS
COUNSEL

August 19, 1943

Brigadier General William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

Nearly a year ago I interested the Technical Division of the Ammunition Development Branch of Army Ordnance in establishing project #T.A.83 to develop a certain type of delayed action land mine. At that time the Engineers expressed interest in the matter as did the Office of Strategic Services. The British went so far as to ask "permission" to work on it. Some samples were made up under the supervision of Major Paul Christensen of Army Ordnance.

After the first expression of interest by the O.S.S., nothing further was heard from your agency and I now presume that the matter has been forgotten.

Compared to the emphasis given land mines by Germany and Italy, I feel we have sadly neglected this field of military science. I am confident the weapon, particularly the type I have in mind, can be used offensively with great effect. Enclosed are copies of an exchange of letters between myself and Lt. Col. C. H. M. Roberts written while I was a member of the staff of the War Production Board which adequately outline the nature of the little gadget.

I will be greatly obliged if your organization will examine this matter again, and if I can be of any assistance, I will be pleased to be advised.

Very truly yours,

Robert C. Bell, Jr.
Robert C. Bell, Jr.

September 9, 1942

Lieutenant Col. C. R. M. Roberts
Ammunition Development Branch, Technical Div.
United States Army
3 119 Pentagon Building
Arlington, Virginia

Re: Delayed action, sound detonating railroad mine.

Dear Colonel Roberts:

Persuant to our recent conversation, I am forwarding to you the problem of the possibility of developing a delayed action, sound detonating railroad mine.

Over a year ago I know that the Germans were very successful in blocking the Suez Canal by means of a similar device. They mined the canal by place. These mines were detonated by the sound of ship propellers and could be set by means of a needle and ratchet device to explode for the 10th and 20th on any ship that passed. As a consequence, a single plane could run several mines and get several ships. The British would drag the channel and run ships through it after each raid and then suddenly after they thought the channel was clear, a mine would explode, and a ship would go down and block the channel.

It is my idea that the same kind of a device could be used effectively on a railroad mine, to be buried in the cinders of a roadbed under a rail joint. The explosive and mechanism need be no larger than a can of soup in order to derail a train. A parashutist or saboteur could plant 15 or 20 such devices and derail a dozen trains instead of just one.

I know of no such device that is being used at the present time. Of course, dynamiting, bombing or tampering with rails is easily discovered. It seems to me that present methods of tying up European continental transportation would be improved considerably. The Germans are now farther into Russia than they are from New York, and the strength of the enemy's transportation system is now a more limiting factor than the strength of its arms.

If you can pass this letter on to the appropriate parties, I will be much obliged.

Sincerely yours,

Robert C. Hall

cc: British Embassy
Soviet Embassy

War Department

Office of the Chief of Ordnance
Washington

October 7, 1942

Mr. Robert C. Bell
War Production Board
Office of the General Counsel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

Your very interesting letter relative to the proposal for a delayed action, sound detonating railroad mine has been discussed with a number of agencies, including the Corps of Engineers and the military attache of the British Embassy.

It is our belief that, whereas acoustically operated mines of the type proposed are practicable for submarine use, the same type of device would not be suitable for railroad destruction because of the entirely different surroundings and mode of use. The principle of such a device, however, could well be employed, i.e., selective detonation after a predetermined number of suitable impulses, and appears to be novel. Furthermore, the utility of such a mine would not be limited to destruction of railway trains, but could be applied to anti-tank mines, road mines, etc., and the actuating device could be simpler and more rugged than an acoustically operated device.

Briefly, what I have in mind is a "cocked firing pin" type of firing mechanism, in which the safety is released by a pawl advanced by a ratchet that is actuated by a simple counter of the Veeder counter type. The counter would be actuated by pressure, e.g., a tank, or by motion of an overlying part, e.g., a railroad tie. Such a device would be simple, cheap, easy to set, light and small; all of which appear to be desirable characteristics, especially for saboteur use.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter and of my reply, to the Engineer Board, which is already acquainted with your original proposal; to the military attache of the British Embassy; and to the Strategic Services Board. I am sure that these agencies and possibly others will wish to study these proposals.

Your suggestion is much appreciated and it is hoped that some effective use may be made of it.

For the Chief of Ordnance:

cc: Military Attache Capt. P. L. Christensen
 British Embassy Technical Div., O.C.O.

Lt. Col. Burrage Capt. S. G. Lacy
 Engineer Board Strategic Service Board

Very sincerely,

C. H. M. Roberts
Lt. Col., Ord. Dept.

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

12 August 1943

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MEMORANDUM FOR Mr. Whitney Shepardson

I meant to tell you that Dave Bruce would like to have Tom Beale to set up the secretariat for him.

William J. Donovan

Cable
Please inform Mr. Shepardson that Beale wants to set up a secretariat for him. Beale is a very capable man and would be a valuable asset to the Navy. He is also a very capable man and would be a valuable asset to the Navy. He is also a very capable man and would be a valuable asset to the Navy.
General Donovan: In my view Beale is too valuable to be spared for him for such a purpose. He is now to take Navy instructions from the Navy, and has important duties with S.I. Council, as well as being Mr. Dexter's Officer for O.S.S.

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Dave has four or five assistants in his own office in Laramie, one of whom could do the above job, I am sure.

August 14, 1943

W. J. Donovan

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

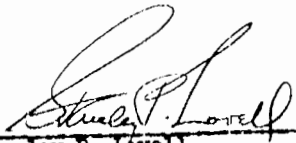
INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General William J. Donovan
FROM: Stanley P. Lovell
SUBJECT: Bacterial Warfare

DATE: 12 August 1943

I was unable to get any intelligence in England regarding German developments along this line. I reported to John P. Marquand my feeling that I came up against a brick wall whenever I attempted to ascertain where the Germans stood on this subject and what defensive steps were indicated.

At Mr. Marquand's request, and with Colonel Buxton's permission, Mr. Marquand saw Mr. John McCloy. Mr. McCloy instructed Mr. Harvey Bundy, then in England, to probe this subject in the higher circles. I am just advised that Mr. Bundy, too, received no information and believes the British Intelligence is as much in the dark as our own. It is further assumed that Russian Intelligence has information on this subject, or at least certain leads that would be helpful. Mr. McCloy held out no hope of getting anything but a bland smile from the Russians.


Stanley P. Lovell
Director
Research and Development

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GEN WILLIAM J. DONOVAN

VIA TELETYPE

DIRECTOR OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES 25TH AND E STS

WASHINGTON

CANNOT PROTECT BALDWIN ON INSURANCE BUT CAN GIVE HIM SAME
RIGHT TO RE-ENTER PENSION PLAN AS THOUGH IN MILITARY
SERVICE. SHOULD YOU TAKE HIM FOR DURATION WE WOULD HOPE
TO REEMPLOY HIM SUBSEQUENTLY BUT CANNOT MAKE COMMITMENT
WHICH WOULD DISCRIMINATE AGAINST MANY EX-EMPLOYEES NOW IN
GOVERNMENT WORK

PAUL W KESTEN.

*8-24-43
St. Augustine is
handling this.*

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

Columbus Broadcasting 12,304
x Radio, P.W.
x Baltimore (P.)

20 August 1943

MAJOR WILLIS

As requested, we hand you
herewith copy of telegram received
by General Donovan from Mr. Kesten,
dated August 17, 1943.

Unless we hear from you to
the contrary no reply will be made
by the Director's Office.

E. J. Putzell, Jr.

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COL WILLIAM J DONOVAN DIRECTOR

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

PALEY OUT OF TOWN. WE ARE FIGHTING TOOTH AND NAIL TO KEEP
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UNIFORM POLICE. WILL HOWEVER REVIEW BALDWIN SITUATION IN VIEW
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PAUL W KESTER:

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*Major Downing: for Gen. Donovan
attached.*

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PAUL W KESTEN:

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Baldwin, Philip 2/197

12 August 1943

Mr. William Paley,
Columbia Broadcasting Company,
485 Madison Ave.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

We are very anxious to have Mr. Philip Baldwin, who is the assistant chief engineer for the Columbia Station WTOP in Washington, undertake a special mission for this organization for which he is peculiarly well qualified.

Mr. Baldwin has indicated his willingness to undertake this mission provided he were given a leave of absence from the Columbia Broadcasting Company which would not involve his losing his rights under the Company's insurance and pension plans. In other words if he were able to enjoy the same advantages that are extended by the Company to its employees who have been drafted or commissioned in the armed services.

Mr. Baldwin's duties, while in a civilian capacity, will contribute as directly to the war effort as if he were actually in the armed services.

Under the circumstances, I would very much appreciate it if such a leave of absence could be granted to Mr. Baldwin for the time he will be with us.

With kind regards, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

William J. Donovan,
Director.

GCS:JF

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: General Donovan
FROM: Major George C. Sharp
SUBJECT: Mr. Philip Baldwin

DATE: August 10, 1943

We are very anxious to have Mr. Philip Baldwin undertake a special mission for SO for which he is eminently qualified. He is a radio engineer, 41 years of age.

Mr. Baldwin is at present Assistant Chief Engineer for Columbia Station WTOP in Washington. Mr. Baldwin has stated that he would be glad to undertake the work for us if the Company, the Columbia Broadcasting Company, would grant him a leave of absence. Mr. James Seward, who is the Chief of Operations for CBS in New York has told Major Faulkner, Communications Chief for MO, who is helping us in this matter, that CBS would leave the matter of accepting the assignment entirely up to Mr. Baldwin but that if he accepted he would have to resign from CBS.

Mr. Baldwin hesitates to resign his present position because by so doing he would be severing a connection of 7 years standing and lose his rights under the company's life insurance plans. CBS apparently has adopted a policy in other cases of granting leaves of absence to employees when they have been drafted or commissioned by the armed forces.

Mr. Baldwin's duties, while in a civilian capacity, will be equally important as any undertaken by commissioned officers and I believe that if the Company were made to feel this, they would grant to Mr. Baldwin the same privileges as are granted to men who are drafted or commissioned.

The thought has occurred to us that a telephone call or letter from you to Mr. Paley, explaining the government's urgent need for Mr. Baldwin's services in the war effort, would be helpful and if Mr. Paley would consent to authorizing a leave of absence for Mr. Baldwin for the duration, this matter could be settled to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

George C. Sharp
George C. Sharp
Major, AUS

*Home order
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SECRET

Bellah, Lt. Col. 12, 175
27 Aug 1943

Mr. William Mudge

SECRET

The file on Lt. Col. Bellah
is returned to you here-
with. We shall appreciate
your calling Lt. Col.
Bellah at the number indi-
cated in his letter and
arranging for an inter-
view and the completion
of the necessary forms.

E.J.P., Jr.

E.J. Putsell: Birchard

Mr. O'Connell

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*Bellah, Lt. James W. 12, 175**X War Dept, Personnel*

Colonel Huntington
Secretariat

19 August 1943

The attached letter from Lt. Colonel James W. Bellah to General Donovan, dated 17 August 1943, is referred to you for your information and for any use which you care to make of its contents.

If you and the Branches under your jurisdiction find that you have no use for the services of Colonel Bellah, will you please refer this letter to Mr. Shepardson for his consideration.

I would appreciate it if you will have the letter returned to me with comments after it has served the desired purpose.

E.J.P., Jr.

Attachment

Mrs. O'Donnell ✓

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

8/5/43

Bavarian Group 12, 16, 5
Ken Donnan
File
x Holty
x McCloy, Asst. Sec. War
x Sharp
Office of Strategic Services
1943

TO: Colonel G. Edward Buxton
FROM: R. Davis Halliwell
SUBJECT: "Bavarian Group"

This is with reference to your recent communication from the Assistant Secretary of War, Mr. McCloy, which was turned over for Major George C. Sharp's attention. You will recall that the subject matter of this communication was on what we now have labelled the "Bavarian Group".

I attach herewith a copy of Major Sharp's report to me as of August 4th on the subject of his conversation with Mr. Holty.

It will be observed that while this matter does not appear to be as promising as it appeared to be on the surface, Major Sharp is proceeding in what we believe is the logical and sound manner; and I believe that the next step from Mr. Holty will indicate how much further this deal should be carried.

I have confidence in the soundness of Major Sharp's actions.

[Signature]
R. Davis Halliwell
Lt. Commander, USNR
Chief, SO

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cc: Major Sharp

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

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INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Comdr. Halliwell 193 AUG 5 AM 11 33
FROM: Major George C. Sharp
SUBJECT: Carl R. Holty - Bavarian Group

DATE: August 4, 1943

I had a long talk with Mr. Holty in New York last Friday at which time Mr. Holty outlined in detail his ideas which were embodied in his letter to Mr. Mower.

Briefly, he told me that there were a number of prominent Bavarians who had long been Anti-Nazi who were interested in endeavoring to help the United Nations through activities in Bavaria. He said that two of these men were presently in a monastery in Albi in the South of France, disguised as monks. One of these two men had escaped from a concentration camp, and both were believed to be willing to go back to Bavaria to work against the Nazis. He said there was a man in New York who was a close friend of these men, from whom a message could be obtained which would, if delivered to the two men in question, indicate to them that it came from their friends outside of France and that they would recognize the message as coming from an accredited person.

Holty thought that we might have ways of bringing those men out of France and instructing them as to what we wish to have them do and then dropping them in by parachute in Bavaria. Alternatively, they might be able to work their way across France and into Bavaria. He also indicated that the group that he was in contact with had important connections in Portugal who had facilities for getting messages into Germany and who might be used as a line of communications.

I asked Mr. Holty to prepare for me a memo setting forth all the facts about each of the men that he mentioned which he knew of his own knowledge, and also, separately, all the other facts that he could find out about them. My thought was that with this further, more detailed, information about the men in question our Security Office could effect some check upon them.

Following my talk with Mr. Holty, Mr. Nutter spoke to me about Mr. Holty and cautioned me against him. Mr. Nutter said that Mr. Holty had been an associate of Major Sanford Griffiths in an enterprise known as Market Analysts and that this enterprise was in disrepute. He told me that Griffiths had been indicted for malpractice in the brokerage business; that since the war began he has been representing himself as connected with the various government agencies and receiving funds from various refugees, mainly German

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Jewish refugees. Apparently our New York office does not have any confidence in Griffiths or in Holty.

This information about Holty is quite different from that which I obtained from Mr. Mower to whom I had spoken about Holty. Mower told me that Holty was a substantial citizen of integrity who had lived in Bavaria for many years as an artist and said that he was completely trustworthy.

While the information given me by Mr. Nutter makes me somewhat dubious, I plan, nevertheless, when Holty gives me the information I have requested of him, to institute a careful check upon each of the men whom he has mentioned and, at the same time, will institute such a check about Mr. Holty himself.

G.C.S.

SECRET



THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR
WASHINGTON

July 21, 1943

Dear Colonel Buxton:

Mowrer called me up today about the project I sent you and I told him that it was under study.

It may be desirable after you have completed your study to give him a ring merely to let him know whether or not you are interested in talking with Holty.

Sincerely,

Col. G. Edward Buxton
Acting Director,
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.



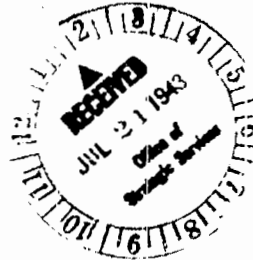
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SEF
WASHINGTON, D. C.

To: _____

20 July 1943



Subject: Western European Operation

To: Colonel Buxton

G. Edward Buxton
Assistant Director

1. This will acknowledge memorandum of 19 July 1943, copy of 1 Secretary of War John J. McCloy and 1 of project from Mr. Holty.

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2. This plan may have some merit, and I am, therefore, passing it on to Commander Halliwell and asking that he have his Western European Operations Section interview Mr. Holty.

3. If we are able to establish the contacts we expect in the Iberian Peninsula, this project could be handled from that area.

Ge. Huntington Jr.
Ellery C. Huntington, Jr.
Colonel, AUS
Deputy Director - Operations

cc: Commander Halliwell

Xc

Bastedo Phil 12-32
x Stettinius, E. R.
x Lend Lease

OFFICE OF LEND-LEASE ADMINISTRATION
FIVE-FIFTEEN 24 STREET NW.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

E. R. STETTINIUS, JR.
 Administrator

July 6, 1943

Brigadier General Wm. J. Donovan
 Director
 Office of Strategic Services
 25th and E Streets, N. W.
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill,

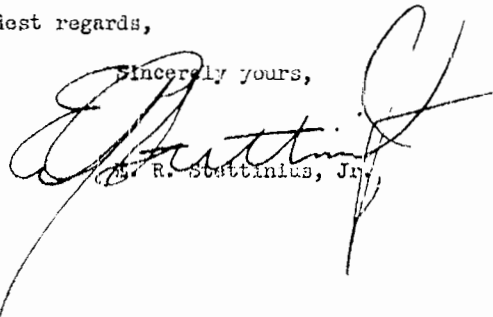
Phil Bastedo has just told me that he has an opportunity to join your organization in an important capacity. It gives me great pleasure to recommend him to you.

Phil came to us from the Office of Civilian Defense and made quite a sacrifice salary-wise in doing so. He has made an important contribution to Lend-Lease and, while we would rather not lose him, we will interpose no objection to his joining your organization.

He has been a member of our British Empire Liaison Group and we were at one time considering sending him abroad on a mission assignment. He has had a world of excellent experience and I feel that he will make a real contribution to the Office of Strategic Services just as he has to Lend-Lease.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



E. R. Stettinius, Jr.

*✓ Frank is by the way
x De la Grandville Countess*

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

DATE: Oct. 22, 1943



Mr. Robert Thrun

H. S. Krider *HSK*

Madam de La Grandville

I am returning the enclosed "curricula vitae" concerning Madam de La Grandville.

This material has been referred to several Divisions of this Branch but at present it does not appear that there is any place where her services can be utilized.



OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Robert Thrum

DATE: October 21, 1943

FROM: Whitney H. Shepardson

SUBJECT: Your memorandum dated 19 October 1943, re Mr. Makinsky

I had a long talk (about other matters) with
subject in New York and though I still have a
most agreeable impression of him and his abilities,
I do not wish to employ him at this time.

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Bedard, Pierre - 11,961
 X Makinsky, Alexandre
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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

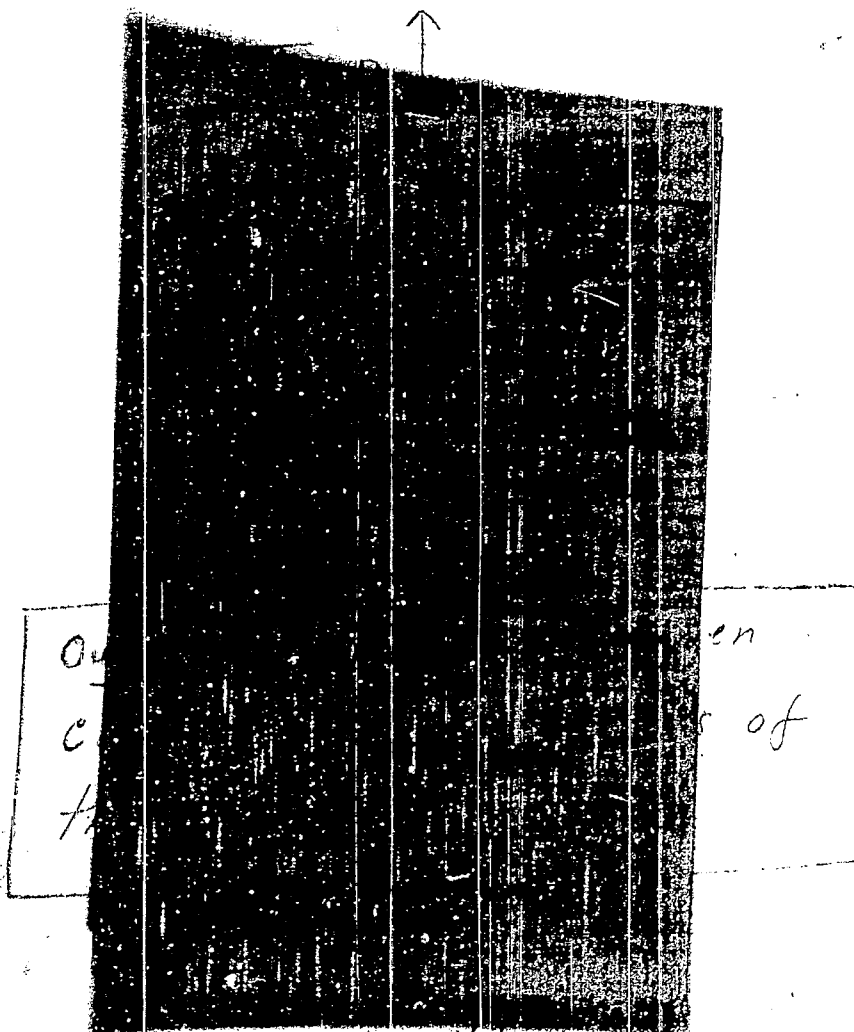
TO: Mr. Robert Thrun
 FROM: Lt. Patrick Dolan
 SUBJECT:

DATE: 8 Oct 1943

1. Now that the General is back, will you ask him about the Pierre Bedard letter which I returned 22 September, and what he wishes me to do about Madame de La Grandville and Alexandre Makinsky?
2. Mr. Makinsky being considered by SI. We would like to talk to Madame de La Grandville.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Robert Thrum, Secretariat

DATE: September 28, 1945

FROM: Whitney H. Shepardson

SUBJECT:

Returning to you your note of September 20, 1945, please be advised that I am very much interested in Alexander Makinsky, whom I know and esteem highly. I will look him up soon on my next trip to New York, but I think there is no point in your writing to this effect to Bedard at this juncture.

You might say to Bedard that we have not lost sight of his communication but are carefully considering the possibilities he mentions.

Whitney H. Shepardson
Whitney H. Shepardson

Attachment.

SECRET

Date 9-20-43To: Mr. Shepardon

When the attached letter of 18 June from Pierre Bedard with enclosed "curricula vitae" relating to the Countess de la Grandville and Alexander Makinsky was first received General Donovan caused it to be referred to someone, exactly whom we have not been able to determine.

Will you please consider the matter and let us know whether you or anyone in your branch is interested. make any other suggestions you may have?

Robert Thrun

Office of the Secretariat

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 24, 1943

Sedard, Pierre -11, 961
X Makinsky, Alexandre
X De La Grandville, Comdant

TO: Mr. Robert Thrun
Secretariat

FROM: J. M. Scribner

SUBJECT: Madame de La Grandville and Alexandre Makinsky
Your note of 9/20/43

The memorandum you sent to me on the above subject has been referred to Major G. C. Sharp, Western European Area Operations Officer for the SO Branch, who has made the following comment: "I think Madame de La Grandville, whom I know, would be useful, except for the policy of not employing foreigners in our office. This, I think, bars her unless an exception were made. As to Makinsky, I might like to see him. Possibly he could be used."

Should you desire to pursue this matter further, will you kindly do so with Major Sharp, through Major J. Freeman Lincoln, Acting Deputy Chief, SO Branch.


J. M. Scribner
Deputy Director, FWO
Acting

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X Denis Bedard, Counters

September 11th, 1943.

Major O.C. Doering, Jr., AUS
Chief, Secretariat,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th & E Streets N.W.,
Washington 25,
D.C.

Dear Major Doering,

I thank you for your letter of September 9th, and hasten to send you copy of my letter of June 18th, together with the dossier on the two persons about whom I wrote to General Donovan.

matter, I am,

Thanking you for your attention in this

Sincerely yours,

Pierre Bedard

PIERRE BEDARD,
American Counselor.

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June 18, 1943.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
 Office of Strategic Services,
 25th & E Streets,
 Washington, D.C.

Dear General Donovan,

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General Bethouart is still in North Africa but is expected shortly. I shall not fail to give him your message. I am sure he will be delighted to see you as soon as possible after his return to Washington.

With highest regards, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Pierre Bedard.

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CURRICULUM VITAE.

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English and French (Gregg Method)
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CURRICULUM VITAE.ALEXANDER MAKINSKY.

Born May 13, 1903.

Education: Imperial Law School, St. Petersburg, Russia, 1910-1918.
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Experience: American Red Cross, Poland, April 1921 - May, 1922.
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First U.S. citizenship papers since Nov. 27, 1941.

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 - 3.- Lt. Commander Tracy B. Kittredge, - with Admiral Stark in London - Address, U.S. Naval Forces in Europe, 20 Grosvenor Square, London.
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- Mr. Richard F. Allen, Vice-Chairman of the American Red Cross, also remembers me from that time.

Rockefeller Fund
49 W 49th St
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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to filing*

August 18th, 1943.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th and E Streets,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear General Donovan,

May I be permitted to enquire whether
any action has been taken in reference to the two persons about
whom I wrote to you on June 18th, before your departure from
Washington.

I should appreciate your kindness in
advising me in this respect in order that I may in turn inform
the interested parties.

With kindest regards and thanks, I am,

Faithfully yours,

Pierre Bedard

PIERRE BEDARD,
American Counselor.

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Bedard, Pierre -11,961
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9 September 1943

M. Pierre Bedard
American Counselor
Mission Militaire Francaise
Aux Etats-Unis
1754 R Street, N. W.
Washington, 9, D. C.

My dear M. Bedard:

With reference to your letter of
16 August 1943 to General Donovan (who is
presently out of the city), we should
greatly appreciate it if you would send to
this office an additional copy of your letter
of 13 June together with the dossier on the
two persons named therein.

Very truly yours,
FOR THE DIRECTOR:

O. C. Doering, Jr.
Major, AUS
Chief, Secretariat

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June 18, 1943

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May 28, 1943

Honorable Carter Glass
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Glass:

Thank you very much for your letter
of May 11, 1943, recommending Mr. Gibbs Latimer
Baker.

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Mr. Baker is being considered for a
position with one of our divisions as we are
very definitely interested in his qualifications.
We hope to be able to let him know in a few days
whether or not we can offer him a position at
this time.

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We are enclosing a carbon copy of this
letter for Mr. Baker's attention.
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Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

Wm J. Donovan
Commission
Filed with Henry Personnel

Barnes C. W. 11,289
Training Procurement Div.

April 21, 1943

Mr. Cecil W. Barnes
 101 Lowry Street
 Stillwater, Oklahoma

Dear Cecil:

Thank you for your letter of the
 14th.

I enclose copy of letter I have
 written Colonel Mack, which I trust may be
 of some help to you.

I hope you are successful in landing
 this job and that you will enjoy your new work.

Sincerely,

W. J. Donovan
 William J. Donovan
 Director

Enclosure

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April 21, 1943

Colonel Clifton E. Mack
Director, Procurement Division
Treasury Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel Mack:

Mr. Cecil W. Barnes has asked that I write you a letter of recommendation for him in connection with the position of Senior Administrative Officer in a regional office which he says your division proposes to open in Kansas City, Missouri.

Mr. Barnes came to this office, (then the Coordinator of Information), as Head of the Budget and Finance Branch in August, 1941, shortly after the creation of this agency by Executive Order of the President. Because of the rapid growth of the agency and its constantly broadening field of activities, Mr. Barnes performed many functions other than those of a strictly budget and finance nature, including purchase, supply, warehousing, etc. He remained with this agency until March, 1943.

Mr. Barnes proved himself thoroughly conversant with all governmental procedures, forms, and methods. He is a hard and conscientious worker and entirely loyal.

From the brief description he has given me of the proposed position for which he is applying, I believe Mr. Barnes to be entirely capable of fulfilling the required duties and am glad to recommend him for your consideration.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
Director

Copy to Mr. Barnes.
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To: Major Sear's

Will you prepare a letter
on this please.

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Director's Office

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101 Lowry Street,
Stillwater, Oklahoma
April 14, 1943

Brig. Gen. William J. Donovan,
Director of Strategic Services,
Office of Strategic Services,
25th & E. Streets, NW
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Donovan:

After two weeks vacation I am beginning to look around to see what I may be able to line up for future employment. Although I was offered the position of Chief, Budget and Planning for the Treasury Procurement Division in Washington I have asked for a field position. It is my understanding that the Treasury Procurement Division soon will open a Regional Office in Kansas City, Missouri and will need a Senior Administrative Officer. Such office probably will handle procurement, warehousing and distribution and take care of the property, facilities, equipment, and supplies of abolished or reduced agencies. I am confident I can handle the job if given the opportunity. To support my application I would be grateful if you would send a letter of recommendation to Col. Clifton E. Mack, Director of Procurement, Treasury Department.

I hope the Bureau of the Budget did not deal too harshly with the 1944 request for the Office of Strategic Services. I have not heard from any of the staff to give me an indication as to how the hearings fared but I remain hopeful that the majority of items requested were approved.

The natives out here are somewhat distrustful of Washington and have a feeling that some of our leaders are playing politics instead of getting on with the war. There is a tremendous amount of criticism of excess manpower in Washington since so many articles, stories, and letters have been written about and by people in Washington apparently without enough to do. Rumor has it that many of the clerks and stenographers back there find time to read books, to knit, and visit during official working hours. Such lack of confidence in our leadership and administration is not easy to dispell.

Very truly yours,

Cecil W. Barnes
Cecil W. Barnes

Bates Lt. A.S. 10,862
 X Wood Pvt. P.H.
 X London.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
 Washington, DC

SECRET

March 5, 1943

STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL

The Secretary of State presents his compliments to the Director of the Office of Strategic Services and acknowledges the receipt of a letter of February 26, 1943 from Mr. Kenneth Myratt, Traffic Manager, concerning the assignment of Lieutenant Arthur Seymour Bates and Private Richard H. Wood to London in connection with work in the London office of the Office of Strategic Services.

The Department of State informs the Office of Strategic Services that the assignment of Lieutenant Bates and Private Wood to London has been approved and that the American Embassy at London has been appropriately informed.

cc: Col. Donovan
 Col. Rehn
 Col. Lowman

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Belin F.L. 10,838
Reporting Board
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To: Mr. F. L. Belin
 and Mr. R. Southgate

5th March 1943.

From: Flt. Lieut. A. Moore

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I have just received a list of comments from the various British Government Departments on the excellent reports that you are good enough to forward so frequently through my intermediary. I should like to say forthwith that all London Government Departments make it very plain that they consider the information obtained through the medium of your reports on a very high level, and greatly appreciate this valuable cooperation.

In one or two cases it appears that they already are in possession of some of this information, or that in the final instances the information in question does not appear of the value that might at first be thought.

I trust that it will not be taken amiss if I draw your attention to the very few reports in this category as it may help some of the heads of your Geographic Sections to know what, rightly or wrongly, is considered of value in the various London Government Departments.

It will be noticed that, although reference numbers are given for your reports in almost every case, this has not proved possible in every instance and it is hoped that sufficient data about the report has been supplied to enable you to identify the report in question.

It will also be noticed that comments on the following reports call for further information should this prove to be available:-

A-38, A-42, A-591, 6101, HA-185, 324, 325, (these three only on the Oliver Twist principle), A-478, CD-4580, CD-4376, CD-4378.

It is fully appreciated that in many cases it is asking the impossible to obtain further information and that frequently your sources are no longer available to you, but it need hardly be emphasised that any supplementary information that you may be in a position to obtain would be highly welcome.

May I, in conclusion take this opportunity, through the intermediary of your section, of congratulating the various members of the Geographical Decks involved on the first class results they are obtaining.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

FEB 20 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: Colonel Wm. J. Donovan

FROM: Whitney H. Shepardson

With reference to your memorandum of February 11, 1943, I quote below the memorandum received from Gregory Thomas relative to Colonel Behn of the International Telephone and Telegraph Company.

"We communicated with Frank Page, Executive Vice-President of I. T. & T. on February 8. Page at first showed interest and appreciation, but after consulting with Behn, reported that both matters had been reported through G-2 to the Signal Corps and were being handled exclusively and satisfactorily by them.

"Apparently Lehmann is second best man on radio detection. The principal man in this field is here. We understand Army is taking necessary steps for visa and priority.

"With regard to plans brought here by Rosado, these, according to Page, refer to plans for future development of telephone communications, construction of which will be postponed until necessary material is available, probably after the war. Page says these plans have been shown to Signal Corps, but are of no immediate interest to any United States Government agency and are intended solely for discussion by Board of Company."

*This is in confirmation
 of previous telephone to your
 office by Mr. Mayers. WWS*

Whitney H. Shepardson
 W. H. S.

SECRET

February 11, 1943

MEMORANDUM

From: Colonel Donovan
To: SI

In reference to your telegram to Gregory
Thomas about Colonel Behn, has he obtained the
material?

W.J.D.

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OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

OFFICIAL DISPATCH

DATE February 5, 1943

Received 2/5/43

5:00 p.m.

SECRET

TO

MR. GREGORY THOMAS - 630 FIFTH AVE. - NEW YORK CITY

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FROM

DIRECTOR, OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

ACKNOWLEDGE

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(FOR INFORMATION)

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DONOVAN, SECRETARIAT.

OUTGOING FIELDING

UNLESS DESIGNATED OTHERWISE, TRANSMIT THIS DISPATCH AS DEFERRED

TRANSMIT

The following received this morning from Madrid: "It is urgent that you get in touch with Col. Behn of International Telephone and Telegraph. Antonio Rosado, who just arrived in New York by clipper, should have delivered to Col. Behn a set of duplicate plans of the entire Spanish telephone communication system. These plans show all of the circuits and the number of each from place to place. If Col. Behn did not receive the plans, they were taken by either the American or the British censors. The plans should prove to be of value to you. Behn has made application to the State Department for a visa for Gerard Jules Lehmann who is their leading authority on radio detection and who has new developments thought to be of great value to our efforts. Lehmann just escaped from France. I recommend that you assist Behn in obtaining an urgent visa from State and a clipper priority. Please keep me informed." If I am correct in assuming that you are our contact with I.T. & T. I suppose you know Col. Behn personally. If so please see if you can get the material for us. Also advise him we will do what we can to expedite the visa in question. If he confirms the story and requests us to use our influence.

FERDINAND MAYER

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Director's Office

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Beigbeder, Juan
x Leahy, Adm

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March 3, 1943

MEMORANDUM

FOR: Commander Freseman

FROM: J. R. Murphy

I thought the Admiral might care to pass on to the President the existence of a message which was sent by Franco to the Spanish Ambassador in Washington on February 21, as follows:

I consider a visit to the President would give the purely technical mission of Colonel Beigbeder a significance which it does not possess. In case circumstances make it necessary for your Excellency's prestige it should be limited to a pure act of courtesy and all political conversations should be avoided as belonging solely to your Excellency.

I should appreciate it if you will not disclose the source of this, nor permit the exact quotation of the foregoing message, nor, of course, should the existence of the message be disclosed to any other persons than the Admiral and the President.

Madrid

Washington

February 21, 1943

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I acknowledge receipt of your telegram No. 213.

I consider a visit to the President would give the purely technical mission of Colonel Beigbeder a significance which it does not possess ~~(-)~~. In case circumstances make it necessary for your Excellency's prestige it should be limited to a pure act of courtesy and all political conversations should be avoided as belonging solely to your Excellency. /

Beigbeder, Col. Juan 10, 646

X Spain

X Morocco

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MEMORANDUM

TO: Colonel William J. Donovan
FROM: F. L. Mayer
SUBJECT: General Beigbeder

A report just received from one of your own men, dated February 28, states that General Beigbeder had a mistress by the name of Fox, who is believed to be at present living in Lisbon.

The report indicates a pro-British attitude on the part of General Beigbeder.



F.L.M.

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Beigbeder Col. Juan 10, 1946
X Spain
X Morocco

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D. C.

MAR 12 1943

MEMORANDUM

To: Colonel Wm. J. Donovan

From: F. L. Mayer

Herewith a further bit in the Beigbeder
mosaic, which you may or may not have seen
in New York.



F.L.M.

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Beigbeder, Juan 10,696
25/10/44
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March 11, 1943

SECRETXYZ MATERIAL

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Beighbeder Jan 10, 1943

Shepherd
Morocco

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MAR 1 1943

MEMORANDUM

TO: Colonel Wm. J. Donovan
FROM: P. L. Mayer

Mr. Shepard  and I thought that you might be interested in this summary of information in our files concerning Colonel Beighbeder, who is currently reported to be in the United States and in Washington.


P. L. M.

Attachment

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*This is all I've been able to
find on this man - 2224*

Beigbader

1. Friend of 529 (see report A 2159, spelled "Beigbader", of 1/29/43)
2. Intelligence and Record Section 2/18/43
Digest of Intercepts (10452-218)

"According to the Jap correspondent in B.A. of the Domei News Agency, a Spanish official mission, headed by "General Beigbader, former high commissioner for Spanish Morocco," is now in the U. S., following a trip by air from Lisbon. (Note: The Spanish general mentioned very likely is the former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Juan Beigbader y Atienza)"

3. For Juan Beigbader's signature, see A 532

A 507 (10/8/42) "Careaga (Ed. Note: now at Spanish Embassy in Washington) further stated that Colonel Juan Beigbader, former Foreign Minister, has been named General Military Inspector to the Military Attaches in the Western Hemisphere. He will arrive shortly in Washington from whence he will start his tour of inspection of all the Latin American Republics - - - please be guided accordingly, because from Careaga's conversations I gathered that it is his assignment to gather information that will be eventually employed in a grandiose propaganda move to sway South America to the side of the Axis. He will stress the military prowess of the Axis powers."

Note: This statement is made by Plaza 10/8/42.

529 says (A 1231 12/16/42) "U2 told me that, according to his information, Colonel Beigbader's long talk with Franco was a prelude to his imminent departure for Washington at the head of a Spanish Military Mission. Up to now B. had done all he could to put off the date of his departure, considering that his trip was a trick on the part of Franco to get him out of the country, at least partly because of his Monarchist activities.

Now, however, the situation has changed: the restoration, which seemed imminent a few months ago, has been postponed by Don Juan himself for a more propitious moment.

On the other hand, Morocco is under American control (French Morocco,) so that the only hope that Spain has of obtaining some advantage from the Peace Treaty, at the expense of France, is to

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negotiate with America. This is, then, the special mission of Beigbader to Washington; he is, of course, a specialist on Moroccan questions.

I myself saw Beigbader day before yesterday. He confirmed most of the above personally. His view is that a new "Treaty of Algeciras", with strong American influence, would settle the Moroccan question. He believed that Americans would have some difficulties in Tunis, because they do not seem willing to give enough liberty of action to the French officers, who know conditions in North Africa better than anyone else. However, he was optimistic as to the outcome of the War.

The political side of Beigbader's mission will remain secret. The official reason will be that he is going over to study the War Effort on the American Continent.

According to his own statement, he found Franco rather disturbed by the present turn of the War, and more and more convinced that Spain must keep out until the end, preserving friendly relations with the states. Franco appeared confident that Spain would be able to maintain her neutrality, but was reluctant to make use of the word publicly.

He says that Franco was much impressed also by the news of Italian demoralization, which he had received recently.

Beigbader said that he had not been able to get Don Juan to give him any official mission to Washington; that is, a mission in his name. He said also that he considers that if the Germans come into Spain there will be guerrilla opposition, to be organized by the Carlists, under the personal leadership of Fal Conde himself.

Beigbader is expecting to leave here the beginning of January."

CD 4357 (9/11/42) "For the third time Beigbader has postponed his sailing to the United States. He will go, but he wants to see what will happen here. Franco offered him a high post and asked his support, but he refused, saying that he does not agree with Franco's ideas."

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Baden David A 10 60 11
X Independent
X Motion Picture

February 24, 1943

Mr. David A. Baden
The Independent
Hotel Astor
New York City

Dear Mr. Baden:

I have your letter and have tried to find some way to give you material for the year book. I am sorry that we will be unable to participate. The work of this organization is such that it would be impossible for us to give any expression such as you would need, nor could we furnish any material which would be of any value.

Yours very truly,

William J. Donovan
Director

Bill -

Do you agree?



Hugh

Yes, I agree that ^{we} should
not get mixed up
in this. JH Langer

of

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Mr Murphy -

I don't see how we
can give him anything
good within security rules.

You know what the personal
relationship is here and
can probably break the bad
news more gently.

Hugh Barton

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HOTEL ASTOR
NEW YORK

Circle 6-6460

January 27th, 1943

Col. William J. Donovan
Office of Strategic Affairs
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel:

This year - our 10th Annual Year Book - is going to be something to shout about. It's going to be about as versatile and personable an issue that we, or for that matter, anyone else has ever published. I should definitely like your good offices represented, and would therefore appreciate your immediate cooperation in getting for us the following:-

The part motion pictures have played to date in the war effort and the part it will play until victory, and afterwards.

The photograph of yourself and any of your right hand men will be appreciated.

I should like this material no later than February 19th for March publication - so that I might devote care and attention to layout and art work.

Thanking you, I am with kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

David A. Bader
David A. Bader

P.S: We welcome any other articles you may care to send not suggested above.

DAB:MF.

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Colonel Donovan

Mrs. Beecher was working here, subject to investigation. The Civil Service Commission, upon investigation, found her to have Communist views and the Commission asked to have her removed. She wanted to make an appeal to the Civil Service Commission, and Dr. Lewis and Dr. Langer are letting her stay on here and work pending the outcome of the appeal.

Director's Office

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Beecher, Mrs. Gertrude 10,524

CONFIDENTIAL

X Civil Service Investigation

February 18, 1943

Mr. L. A. Moyer
Executive Director and
Chief Examiner
U. S. Civil Service Commission
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moyer:

This is in reference to your letter of
January 27, 1943, (File BARIAL:MGW) setting forth
the results of the investigation conducted on Mrs.
Gertrude Carter Beecher.

Mrs. Beecher has been notified that she
has been rated ineligible. It is our understanding
that she will appeal the Commission's decision.
The Office of Administrative Services is not appealing
the decision, but until the results of the appeal
are known, we wish to allow Mrs. Beecher to continue
working in her present position.

Expedient processing of the appeal will
be appreciated.

Very truly yours,

James E. Gurnea
Director of Personnel



IN REPLYING
REFER TO NO.
CDB-ada



Barrett, Genl. D 10, 472

* Bergeret
* Eddy, W A



UNITED STATES MARINE CORPS
HEADQUARTERS
THIRD MARINE DIVISION, FLEET MARINE FORCE,
IN THE FIELD.

2 April, 1943.

My dear General Donovan:-

Your letter of February 15, transmitting a message from General Bergeret, reached me today.

I should greatly appreciate your having the following message sent to Colonel Eddy:

"Please tell General Bergeret that I received his message almost exactly on the opposite side of the Earth. It brought back many memories of our pleasant association together. I send him my warmest personal greetings. Also, please convey to General Giraud and his gallant forces greetings from one of his former pupils and great admirers. Thank you, and best wishes.-
-Barrett."

With much appreciation for your trouble in sending me Bergeret's message, and hoping to be able to thank you in person some day, I am,

Always sincerely yours,

Charles D. Barrett

CHARLES D. BARRETT.

Brigadier General William J. Donovan, Director,
Office of Strategic Services
Washington, D. C.

*I have sent
the above message
to Eddy for transmission to
General Bergeret*

Barnett, Chas. D. 10,492
 x Bergeret, Gen.
 x Eddy, W. A.

February 15, 1943

Major General Charles D. Barrett
 3rd Marine Corps Division
 5 Fleet Post Office
 San Francisco, California

My dear General Barrett:

I have received a message from Colonel William A. Eddy, USMC (Ret.), sent from Algiers in which he states that General Bergeret, Deputy to General Giraud, requested that Colonel Eddy pass on to you his best wishes. Colonel Eddy stated that General Bergeret expressed his admiration and friendship for you and recalled experiences which you and he had together.

Colonel Eddy also asked me to say that if you wished to send any greetings to General Bergeret, he would be more than happy to transmit them for you. If you care to send any such message through me, I should be glad to send it along to Eddy.

Sincerely,

William J. Donovan
 Director

CONFIDENTIAL

Resignation

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 27, 1943

Dear Bill:

Conant and Bush have offered me a part-time job to produce, with a small staff, a current secret history of the work of the OSRD concerning new weapons and techniques of warfare. They point out that it was my original interest in historical research, that my experience gained with you would be most helpful, and that they don't want a scientist for the top job though they'll give me some to work with. After losing sleep for a week, I've decided this is the most useful war job I can do on the part-time the College allows me in Washington.

Though I've been very happy keeping up old contacts with you and your staff since October, and have been able to pull an ear occasionally, I've been increasingly conscious of the limited value of part-time work here. In a busy hive like OSS one can't administer an operation or do effective research except on full time. Even in the work of the Executive Committee, the part-time member finds it hard to keep up with changes and developments. As Bush and Conant want and seem to need all the time my Trustees will spare me, I'm enclosing my resignation with a heavy heart in relinquishing the job I've enjoyed more than any work I've ever done, and no end of gratitude and affection for you and my fellow workers, who are doing such a grand job here under your lead.

Sincerely yours,

Jim
James P. Barton

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